

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Jack Bainter
Mike Kennedy
Sylvia Kiel
Betty Martin
Dr. J. Douglas Nelson

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Clem
Ryan Guillen
Rosetta Moses-Hill
Ralph Komasinski

Vice-Chairman Bainter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Formal Lounge, Dietz Professional Development Center at Franklin College. Secretary Sylvia Kiel announced that a quorum of the Commission was in attendance. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the Commission meeting of May 10, 2000.

Vice-Chairman and SSACI Executive Director, David Perlini thanked Franklin College for hosting the Commission meeting and expressed their appreciation for the school's gracious hospitality. Mr. Perlini also mentioned that Kathy Moore, formerly with Franklin's financial aid office, recently joined SSACI's staff and will serve as the agency's Outreach Coordinator.

Vice-Chairman Bainter called upon Mrs. Betty Martin to assist with the nomination of new officers. Betty Martin nominated the following slate of officers for the year beginning September 2000:

Chairman: Dr. Jack Bainter
Vice-Chairman: Sylvia Kiel
Secretary: Michael Kennedy

Hearing no other nominations, the Chairman entertained a motion to vote on the slate of nominees. Betty Martin moved that (R-9.2000.4) be adopted. The motion was seconded and then passed unanimously.

Chairman Bainter mentioned that Ryan Guillen, even after being assigned on temporary assignments from his employer in places such as Baltimore, Houston and California, had made it back to every meeting until today. Chairman Bainter asked for the minutes to note the Commission's gratitude for Ryan's tenure and dedication as Chairman, and for his employer allowing him the opportunity to serve on the commission.

The Commission then adopted a resolution (R-9.2000.5) recognizing Dr. William Christopher for his service to the Commission. The Commission concurred to have a tabletop memento made for presentation to Dr. Christopher at a later date.

Chairman Bainter asked Mr. David Perlini to make his presentation on the 2001-2003 operating budget, and to give his Executive Director's report. Mr. Perlini commented the Commission reappointment letters were on the Governor's desk and that a final background check is being done and a possible new appointment. He said that he believed the Commission would be back to full strength by the November meeting. He also referenced the agency's newly designed web site and commented that the content has been updated and that the design is a bit more user friendly. Mr. Perlini stated that the Twenty-first Century Scholars Retreat was held in Merrillville the beginning of August. Dr. Jack Bainter and Michael

Kennedy were in attendance and both made positive comments about their experiences. Finally, Mr. Perlini mentioned that SSACI and ISFAA are participating in the high school guidance counselor workshops at sixteen different locations across the state. He said that the workshops are intended to educate high school guidance counselors and others who advise students about state, federal and campus-based financial aid programs.

Mr. Perlini made the following budget presentation:

OUR MISSION IS:

to make college affordable
guaranteed student grants
to foster more choice
public, private, and proprietary colleges
to encourage greater preparedness
Core 40, Academic Honors, 21st Century
Scholars, and National Guard

HELPING HOOSIER FAMILIES WITH:

Higher Education, Freedom of Choice, 21ST
Century Scholars, National Guard, and
Part-time Grants
Special Program Grants for nurses, working
students, and minority teachers
Early Intervention Programs for Scholars
Research to better understand the needs of
Hoosier families and Technology to
improve the delivery of awards

REAL PEOPLE WITH REAL NEEDS 2000-2001

45% from single parent families
53% first time college goers
21% Core 40 and Honors graduates

Adjusted gross income is \$32,100
Contribution to education is \$1,730
Average award offer is \$2,842

NEW INITIATIVES 2000 (& BEYOND)

Proprietary colleges join HEA program
1000 new students?
National Guard Supplemental grant
400 new students?
Expansion of Part Time Grant
1000 new students?
Continued expansion in 2001

NEW INITIATIVE 2001

Fee remissions for
A pupil in soldiers' and sailors' children's home
A child of a purple heart recipient or wounded

FOR STUDENTS WITH AID IN 2000:

Affordability means...
the average award offer is \$2,842
Choice means...
nearly 1/3 attend non-public colleges
Preparedness...
over 21% have Core 40 or Honors

STUDENT AWARDS IN 1999-2000:

Higher Education Award
38,100 students and \$64.2 million
Freedom of Choice award
10,200 students and \$25.9 million
21ST Century Scholars award
6,200 students and \$7.0 million
Part-time Grant
6,100 students and \$5.5 million

ESTIMATED AWARDS FOR 2000 in Millions of Dollars

Higher Education	\$70.0
Freedom of Choice	27.5
Scholars	7.7
Part time	5.5
Special Programs	2.7
National Guard	1.1
All Programs	114.5

NEW INITIATIVES 2000 (& BEYOND)

21st Century Scholars
Increases in enrollments
Increases in Early Intervention activities
Scholars and Parents
Increases in affirmations
Increases in college going
Gear Up

WHAT IS NEXT?

Students	Colleges
More college goers	Higher retention rates
HS graduates	More students

veteran
 A child of a POW/MIA from Vietnam war
 A child of a deceased or disabled veteran
 A child or spouse of a deceased police officer
 or firefighter
 5,200 students at full tuition and mandatory fees?

Adults
 Community College
 More Core 40 and
 Honors graduates
 Higher subsidies
 More financial need

Higher enrollments
 More students
 Independent colleges
 Higher tuition
 Higher awards

SUMMARY BUDGET REQUEST

Program Awards & Grants
 Higher Education Award
 Freedom of Choice
 Part-time Grant Award Program
 National Guard Supplemental Grant
 Fee Remission
 21st Century Scholars Award Program
 21st Century Early Intervention
 Special Programs
 Total Awards and Programs

THE FINANCIAL AID EQUATION

More
 Students
 Prepared students
 College opportunities

Higher
 Retention
 Enrollments
 Tuition

A resolution in support of the Budget proposal would be in order at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Jack Bainter asked Nick Vesper to comment on the agency's two-year report for 1997-98 and 1998-99. Mr. Vesper's report was concise and informative.

The Chairman asked Dennis Obergfell to give the Grant Division report. Mr. Obergfell mentioned that Kathy Moore joined SSACI's staff on September 11 and that with her 10 years of financial aid experience she will be a tremendous asset to the organization. He said Kathy's first assignment would be to represent SSACI at the high school counselors' workshops. Dennis gave a brief update of the GRADS system, which is now in its third year. He spoke about e-GRADS II which will allow students to access and view their SSACI award history and permit students to make the school choice changes online. Mr. Obergfell stated that the agency is working with the U.S. Department of Education to explore the possibilities of using the federal Personal Identification Number (PIN) assigned to all students who file FAFSAs, so that Indiana students could use their federal PIN same numbers to access their SSACI records. Mr. Obergfell stated that Geraldine Harris-Head has joined SSACI working in the Twenty-first Century Scholars division on report-related projects. Finally, Mr. Obergfell stated that the agency ordered 70,000 FAFSAs for the 2001-2002 academic year for the purpose of sending them to high school seniors on the first mailing date in January. He commented that this effort is facilitated by ICPAC.

Dr. Bainter asked Floyd Worley and Pat Moss to give their report on the Twenty-first Century Scholars. Mrs. Pat Moss reported that Twenty-first Century Scholars enrolled nearly 10,000 students in 1999-2000. The enrollment increased by 2,000 during May and June, the months of the media campaign. Twenty-first Century Scholars feels the statewide enrollment effort that included Scholar Sunday was responsible for the increase. A record number of affirmations also increased the Scholar likelihood to attend college. Ms. Moss also reported that each program site had a summer activity session this year. New staff have been added to eight program sites. There are either licensed school counselors or social workers. The remaining eight sites will hire counselors in 2001-2002. The annual coordinator retreat was held in Merrillville in early August. Mr. Perlini attended as well as Chairman Dr. Jack Bainter and Secretary Mike Kennedy. The Scholar staff was impressed with the board's interest in their work and with Mr. Perlini's remarks.

The Chairman asked Nick Vesper to speak on behalf of the Special Programs division as Yvonne Heflin was unable to be present. He delivered the following report:

Minority Teacher Report

<u>Year</u>	<u>#of Students</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
99-00	159 Black	Public	\$190,381.00

	34	Black	Private	44,241.00
	45	Hispanic	Public	62,200.00
	<u>12</u>	Hispanic	Private	<u>18,250.00</u>
Sub Totals	250			\$315,072.00

Special Education Services Students

<u>Year</u>	<u>#of Students</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
99-00	69	Public	\$62,400.00
	19	Private	18,000.00
Sub Totals	<u>88</u>		<u>80,400.00</u>
Grand Totals	338		\$395,472.00

As of 12/99: Students Teaching 220
 Students Completed 193

The State Work Study Program and Nursing Fund Scholarship Programs are in the revised budget proposal. The Work-Study program is being redesigned so that instead of being a Summer-Work Study Program it is college Work-Study throughout the year. We have requested in our budget request a substantial increase in money. We put together a web page to fill out the information and disseminate it out to respective employees to make the system more efficient.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana

By _____
 Dr. Jack J. Bainter, Chairman

By _____
 Mike Kennedy, Secretary